

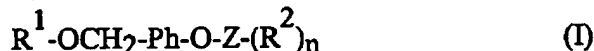
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In the Claims:

Please add new claims 24-35, as follow:

--24. (New) A salicyl alcohol derivative of the formula (I):



wherein R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or a C(O)R^3 group, wherein R^3 represents an alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aralkyl or aryl group having from 1 to 26 carbon atoms and/or from 1 to 10 heteroatoms, and wherein R^3 may be unbranched or branched, mono- or polyunsaturated and/or may bear substituents on the carbon chain and/or at the heteroatoms; Ph represents a 1,2-phenylene group; Z represents a sugar hemiacetally attached to the 1,2-phenylene group and substituted up to n-times by R^2 , wherein the sugar may comprise a mono-, di-, oligo- or polysaccharide; n is an integer between 0 and m, wherein m is equal to the number of free hydroxyl groups present in the sugar; wherein each R^2 independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C(O)R^4 group wherein R^4 is independently selected from the same group as R^3 ; R^1 and R^2 may be the same or different; with the proviso that at most one of the two substituents R^1 or R^2 is hydrogen when Z is glucose; with the proviso that where Z is glucose and R^2 is hydrogen, R^1 is not an acetyl, a benzoyl or a (1-hydroxy-6-oxo-2-cyclohexen-1-yl)carbonyl; with the proviso that where R^1 is hydrogen, Z is glucose and n equals 1 and the glucose unit is substituted by R^2 at its primary hydroxy group, R^2 is not 4-phenylbutyryl or a hydrophobic aromatic carboxylic acid moiety.--

--25. (New) The salicyl alcohol derivative according to claim 24, wherein at least one of the two substituents R^1 and R^2 is a hydrogen atom, or a benzoyl, phenylacetyl, phenylpropionyl, phenylbutyryl, phenylvaleroyl, o-, m- or p-hydroxybenzoyl, o-, m- or p-hydroxyphenylacetyl, o-, m- or p-hydroxyphenylpropionyl, o-, m- or p-hydroxyphenylbutyryl, o-, m- or p-hydroxyphenylvaleroyl, 3,4,5-trihydroxybenzoyl, 3-phenylacryloyl, o-, m- or p-hydroxy-3-phenylacryloyl or 3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-acryloyl group.--

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--26. (New) The salicyl alcohol derivative according to claim 24, wherein n equals 1 and R^1 is hydrogen.--

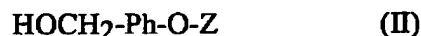
--27. (New) The salicyl alcohol derivative according to claim 25, wherein n equals 1 and R^1 is hydrogen.--

--28. (New) The salicyl alcohol derivative according to claim 24, wherein Z is a monosaccharide selected from the group consisting of threose, erythrose, arabinose, lyxose, ribose, xylose, allose, altrose, galactose, glucose, gulose, idose, mannose, talose, and fructose.--

--29. (New) The salicyl alcohol derivative according to claim 28, wherein Z is D-glucose.--

--30. (New) The salicyl alcohol derivative according to claim 24, wherein R^1 is hydrogen, Z is glucose, and n equals 1.--

--31. (New) A process for the production of the salicyl alcohol derivative of claim 24, the process comprising: esterifying or transesterifying with a carboxylic acid $R^3\text{COOH}$ and/or $R^4\text{COOH}$, a carboxylic acid ester $R^3\text{COOR}^5$ and/or $R^4\text{COOR}^5$, or an activated carboxylic acid derivative, an alcohol of the formula (II), in the presence of a suitable catalyst:



wherein Ph, Z, R^3 , and R^4 are as defined for formula (I), and R^5 represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms.--

--32. (New) The process according to claim 31, carried out by enzyme-catalyzed esterification or transesterification.--

--33. (New) A method of preparing a cosmetic or pharmaceutical preparation, comprising: preparing the salicyl alcohol derivative according to claim 24, and combining the

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derivative with a cosmetically or pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

--34. (New) A method of inhibiting prostaglandin synthesis, comprising:
applying a prostaglandin synthesis inhibitive amount of a cosmetic or pharmaceutical preparation
comprising the salicyl alcohol derivative according to claim 24 to a host in need of prostaglandin
synthesis inhibition.--

--35. (New) A cosmetic or pharmaceutical preparation, comprising the salicyl
alcohol derivative according to claim 24 and a cosmetically or pharmaceutically acceptable
carrier.--

Please cancel claims 12-23, without prejudice.